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URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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PLAN FOR URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in some parts of the country, still people die of starvation and poverty and there is not much scope of employment in urban areas;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to prepare any long terms plan/new scheme for urban employment and poverty alleviation;

(c) if so, the details of the same; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government for the implementation of the said plan/scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA) :

(a) to (d) Keeping in view the lack of adequate employment opportunities for the urban poor, Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation is already implementing, on all India basis, a centrally sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), with effect from 1.12.1997. This programme is specially meant for urban poor below poverty line and seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under employed poor through
(i) encouragement to setting up of self employment ventures by the urban poor and
(ii) through provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.